Mahu Cantonment

4966. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to bring Mahu Cantonment area under the Municipal limits; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). A proposal to excise approximately 240.60 acres of the civil areas of Mahu Cantonment is at a preliminary stage of examination by Headquarters Central Command.

[*English*]

Janata Cloth Scheme

4967. SHRI PARAS RAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Janata Cloth Scheme is functioning satisfactorily;

(b) if so, whether the scheme has been revised to make controlled cloth and Janata cloth avalilable to the consumers through the same retail outlets throughout the country; and

(c) if so, the main fearutres of the new scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The Janata Cloth Scheme in the handloom sector provided sustained and continuous employment to the weavers and created additional employment in several States by activating dormant looms. The scheme also helped the poorer section of the society to get cloth at affordable prices. However, there have been complaints about unsaitsfactory distribution arrangements, mainly due to weak monitoring of delivery arrangements for janata cloth by State Governments.

(b) While the controlled cloth produced by the National Textile Corporation is distributed through the National/State Consumer Cooperative Federations, Fair Price Shops, Authorised retail dealers of NTC and own retail outlets of NTC, the handloom Janata cloth is distributed through National/State/District/Regional Apex Consumer Cooperative Societies; or Federations, any other approved distribution net work which broadly conform to the discipline of PDS, and the sale outlets of the implementing State Handloom Agencies.

(c) The guidelines for implementation of Janata Cloth Scheme was extensively revised, effective from 1st July 1990, providing for changes which should rectify the weaknesses including distribution arrangements. The Revised Guidelines prescribed that each implementing State should form a State Level Implementation Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary/Secretary incharge of Handlooms with members drawn from Department of Civil Supplies, NGOS, Consumer representatives, other experts etc., to carryout a number of functions including monitoring the percormance of production and distribution arrangements. Stringent measures have also been prescribed for upgradution of quality of janata cloth and for timely payment of wages to weavers.

Export of Coffee

4968. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed the target for the export of Coffee;

(b) if so, the quantity of Coffee earmarked for export annually; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the production of Coffee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). For the year 1991-92, the Government have fixed the target for the export of Coffee at approximately 1,20,000 tonnes valued at Rs. 400 crores.

(c) Considering the cyclical and biennial bearing tendency of coffee crop, steps are being taken to stablise and increase the production of coffee. The following thrust areas have been identified with a view to increase the production during the Eighth Plan Period (1992-97):

(i) Improving productivity in the small grower sector;

(ii) Covering more area under irrigation to overcome the deficit blossom/backing showers, which is one of the major constraints for increasing the production;

(iii) Phased replanting of old uneconomical plants with high-yielding, disease-resistant, early bearing plant material.

[*Translation*]

Bench of Madhya Pradesh High Court at Rewa

4969. *SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL*: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted any proposal to the Union Government for setting up the bench of Madhya Pradesh High Court at Rewa;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the time by which this bench is likely o be set up; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Sainik Schools in Bundelkhand Region of U.P.

4970. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open Sainik Schools in districts of Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). A Sainik School is established at the specific request of a State Government/Union Territory Administration as the entire capital expenditure and a major portion of the recurring expenditure of the School has to be borne by it. No proposal has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the opening of Sainik Schools in the Bundelkhand region.